The Hand-Book of Procedures, 1992—97 (Revised Edition 30th April, 1995) containing details of the procedures is available in the Parliament Library. A system of time bound disposal of applications is in operation and delays in disposal of applications are monitored on a monthly basis.

Stores Purchased by DGS&D

5855. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total value of various kinds of stores purchased by DGS&D during 1994-95;

(b) what is the total value of Road Dressing and Roof covering materials and Rubber contraceptives purchased by DGS&D during the year 1994-95;

(c) if purchased during the year, in which months these materials were procured, if not, the reasons for not procuring these items during 1994-95; and

(d) what is the value of stores purchased by DGS&D between January and March 1995 and the percentage of purchase of stores in the last quarter of the year in 1992-93 and 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (?) Total value of purchases made by DGS&D during 1994-95 is Rs.2187.75 crores (provisional).

(b) Value of Road Dressing and Roof Covering material purchased by the DGS&D during 1994-95 is Rs.487.38 crores (provisional). No procurement was made for contraceptives during the year.

(c) Month-wise figures are not maintained as these are rate contract items and supply orders against these items are placed directly by Direct Demanding Officers.

No purchase of contraceptive was made in 1994-95 as the item is not on Rate Contract (RC).

(d) About 80% of the stores purchased by DGS&D are througth the Rate Contracts (RCs) where the payments are made and monitored by the office of the Chief Controller of Accounts. The details of the payments made during the last quarters of the years 1992-93, 1993-94 and 1994-95 are as under:—

Year	Payment during the year (In crores of Rs.)	Payment during last quarter of the year (In crores of Rs.)	Percentage
1992-93	4152.50	1213.87	29.22%
1993-94	3840.89	1205.27	31.38%
1994-95	3064.12	924.26	30.16%

Delay in issuing of Handbook of Procedures for Exporters

5856. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Delay in issuing handbook of procedures irks exporters" as reported in 'Pioneer' dated 21st April, 1995;

(b) if so, whether the delay in issuing of handbook of procedures has affected exporters at large;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The revised edition of the Hand-Book of Procedures, Vol. I , 1992—97, has since been brought out on 30.4.1995. Since the previous Handbook of Procdures Vol. I, in so far as it was not inconsistent with the Export-Import Policy as amended on 31.3.95, continued to be applicable till 30.4.1995, exporters were not adversely affected on this account.

Monitoring of Unplanned acquaculture Development by MPEDA.

5857. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has monitored the unplanned aquaculture development in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that MPEDA had failed to properly direct and guide the development of acquaculture in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) what are the reasons for lack of planning by MPEDA in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) MPEDA has a promotional role for encouraging export oriented aquaculture in the country through scientific shrimp farming. It does not, however, have any regulatory function in the planning and management of this sector.

(c) Does not arise.

Percentage of Purchase of Stores by DGS&D From SSI Units

5858. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage of purchase of stores from Small Scale Industries, Government Undertakings and Private Sectoi by DGS&D during 1992-93, 1993-94 & 1994-95;

(b) the reasons for a very low percentage of purchases from Small Scale industries, inspite of reservations and preference given to SSI Units;

(c) how many cases of misuse of power in placing the orders by DGS&D have been detected during 1992-93, 1993-94 & 1994-95 and the value of orders; and

(d) in how many cases actions have been initiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARM) : (a) The information is given in the enclosed statement, *(see* below)

(b) Items like cement, POL, B Twill Bags, automobiles which account for sizeable value of DGS&D purchases are manfactured in large and medium sectors only. If these items are excluded the percentage of purchase from Small Scale Industry is:

1992-93	50.6%
1993-94 :	43.4%
1994-95	58.6%

(Provisional)

(c) There are no such cases.

(d) Does not arise.